GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BLAST IN SAMJHAUTA EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether intelligence inputs gathered during the investigations into the Samjhauta Express bomb blast case are likely to be made available during the meeting of the Joint- Anti Terrorist Mechanism to be held in Islamabad as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara on February 22, 2007; and

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) The first meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Anti-terrorism Mechanism took place on 6-7 March 2007 in Islamabad. At this meeting, both sides agreed that specific information would be exchanged through the mechanism. It was also agreed that while the Anti-terrorism Mechanism would meet on a quarterly basis, any information, which is required to be conveyed on priority basis, would be immediately conveyed through the respective heads of the mechanism.